(b) if so, what are the details of the aid to be received.

(c) what are the names of developmental programmes where such aid is proposed to be utilised, State-wise; and

(d) what are the conditions of repayment of such aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the Indo-German Consultation on Development Cooperation in January, 1989, the FRG authorities have tentatively indicated financial assistance (soft loan) of DM 425 million for the year 1989. Project-wise details have not been finalised.

(d) The soft loan carries interest @ 0.75 per cent per annum with repayment period of 40 years including 10 years grace period. Commitment charges are also payable to FRG @ 0.25 per cent per annum on the undisbursed amount.

Production of Tea and Coffee

*303. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of tea and coffee during 1988;

(b) what are the projections for 1989;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted with regard to the production and exports of the above two commodities; and

(d) if so, what are the salient features of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Estimated production of tea during 1988 reached an all time high level of 700.28 M. Kgs.

The production of coffee during the season 1988-89 (July-June) is estimated to be of a record level of approximately 2 lakh tonnes.

(b) Attempts will be made to surpass the production levels achieved during 1988-89 in the both Tea and Coffee.

(c) and (d) Tea Board undertakes techno-economic surveys of tea producing area and of export markets. Production schemes as well as Promotional Campaign have been formulated keeping in mind these surveys. However while finalising the Plans and Programmes, the view of leading Tea Associations are taken into consideration.

In the case of Coffee the study has suggested a perspective plan (by 2000 AD) a production target of about 2,15,000 tonnes and an export target of 1,30,000 tonnes. One of the ongoing plan schemes of Coffee Board is a project for survey in non-traditional areas (other than North Eastern Region) under which potential coffee growing areas in non-traditional regions are identified.

Training to Sikh terrorists in Pakistan

@*304. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of January 16, 1989, to the effect that more than 10,000 Indian Sikh terrorists had been trained in Pakistan during the Zia-regime; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard and to what

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extent it conforms to the aforesaid report?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available with the Government a number of terrorists have received training in Pakistan. It is not possible to estimate the total number of terrorists who have received training in the Training Centres in Pakistan. However, the figure given in the news item appears highly exaggerated.

Special central assistance to Madhya Pradesh under tribal area sub-plan for minor irrigation works

*305. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much special Central assistance under tribal areas sub-plan was contemplated to be given to Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for minor irrigation works and how much amount has actually been allocated so far for the purpose; and

(b) how much special Central assistance is likely to be provided during the remaining period of the Plan for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Special Central Assistance is being given by Ministry of Welfare, Government of India, as an additive to the Tribal Sub-Plan to the States. It is not released to the States/Union Territories sectorwise. Madhya Pradesh has been given Rs. 178.22 crores as Special Central Assistance during the first 4 years of the VII Five Year Plan and for the year 1989-90 it may be of an order of Rs. 50 crores.

Violation of FERA Povisions by Jyotsna Holding

*306. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action is proposed to be taken by Government against M.s. Jyotsna Holding Private Limited for violation of FERA provisions on the basis of the investigations made by the Directorate of Enforcement; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) based on investigations made by the Directorate of Enforcement, adjudication proceedings were held against M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Pvt. Ltd., for alleged violation of Sections 8(1), 14 and 47 of FERA 1973. The adjudication authority imposed a penalty of Rs. 40 lakhs.

Aggrieved by the order, M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Pvt. Ltd., have filed an appeal before the Foreign Exchange Regulation Appellate Board. The case is subjudice.

Investigation into the alleged charges of corruption against officers of RBI Bangalore Branch

*309. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since investigated into the alleged charges of corruption against certain officers of the Reserve Bank of India, Bangalore branch;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was forty-one days' strike in the above branch as a mark of protest against such officers; and